

HISTORIC SOCIETY OF
LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

Reports and Accounts,
year ending December 2003

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REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2003

The Society is a charity which exists to promote the study of any aspect of the history of Lancashire and Cheshire. This is done through a lecture series and the publication of an annual volume of *Transactions* which reflects current research on the two counties. The business of the Society is handled by Council, which met three times in 2003. The number of members at 31 December 2003 was 429. This was made up of 271 individuals, 146 institutions and 12 societies. In addition, the Society exchanges publications with 22 other societies.

Council took steps to improve the Society's editorial arrangements, with the result that *Transactions* vol. 151 (2002) was published early in 2003, and the delayed vol. 150 shortly afterward. This puts *Transactions* back on its normal publishing cycle.

There was an operating surplus of £2,757 in 2003 after paying a large part of the costs of producing three volumes during the year. We were most grateful to the Marc Fitch Fund for donating £2,000 towards the cost of the Index volume, which together with the Gift Aid for three years produced this surplus. In 2003 the income can be divided as follows: subscriptions 52%, investment income 15%, donations and gift aid 26% and sale of publications 7%.

This year seven public lectures were held and are listed below. The Society continued with a members' evening which proved to be successful and also had a joint meeting with the Friends of Merseyside Maritime Museum at the Museum in November.

The Society's library, housed in the Liverpool Record Office, is on open access to all who want to use it.

The Society has created a website of its own at www.hslc.org.uk and it is to be hoped this will be launched in 2004.

The following were the lecture meetings:

20 February (AGM): Charles Foster, 'A typical rural community in the Mersey Basin? Great Budworth 1530-1700'.

- 20 March: Dr Arline Wilson (University of Liverpool) 'Commerce and culture: William Roscoe, Liverpool's businessman-scholar'.
- 10 April: Members' Evening: Mr John Elsworth, "'All sorts and conditions of men": Dual incumbency at St. Boniface Church, Bunbury, 1595-1896'; Mrs Brenda Murray, 'John Myers: From Liverpool merchant to country squire'.
- 15 May: Lancashire's Old Universities: A seminar: Dr Sylvia Harrop (University of Liverpool) 'A genuinely civic enterprise': The founding and development of University College Liverpool, 1881-1903; Prof. Brian Pullan, FBA, (University of Manchester) 'Free speech and academic freedom in the University of Manchester, 1968-1990'.
- 19 September: Jim Grisenthwaite, Chairman, NWRAC, 'Developing the archive: The North-West Regional Archive Council at work'.
- 17 October: Dr Steve Hindle (University of Warwick) 'Pensions, appeals and orders: The poor law in North-West England c.1650-1720'.
- 21 November: Joint event with the Friends of Merseyside Maritime Museum: Prof. David Richardson (University of Hull) and Dr Stephen Behrendt (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) 'Surgeons and the Liverpool slave trade'.

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REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN FOR 2003

The following works have been purchased:

- Deakin, D., *Wythenshawe: The story of a garden city* (1989)
- Dickinson, T. C., *Cotton mills of Preston: The power behind the thread* (2002)
- Fowler, A., *Lancashire cotton operatives and work, 1900-1950: A social history of Lancashire cotton operatives in the twentieth century* (2003)
- Graystone, P., *Walking Roman roads in East Cumbria* (1994)
- Graystone, P., *Walking Roman roads in the Flyde and the Ribble Valley* (1996)
- Graystone, P., *Walking Roman roads: Lonsdale and the Eden Valley* (2002)
- Kidd, A., *Manchester* (2002)
- Lewis, C. P. & A. T. Thacher, eds, *The City of Chester: General history and topography* (Victoria History of the Counties of England: A history of Cheshire vol. v, part I)
- Nicholls, R., *Trafford Park: The first hundred years* (1996)
- Smith, S. D., ed., *An Exact and Industrious Tradesman: The letter book of Joseph Symson of Kendal 1711-1720* (2002)
- Somerville, R., *Office-holders in the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster from 1603* (1972)
- Strickland, T., *Roman Middlewich: A story of Roman and Briton in mid-Cheshire* (2001)
- Taylor, S. et al, *Manchester: The warehouse legacy* (2002)
- White, A., ed., *A history of Lancaster* (2001)
- Whyte, I., *Transforming fell and valley: Landscape and parliamentary enclosure in North West England* (2003)
- Williams, M. with D. A. Farnie, *Cotton mills in greater Manchester* (1992)

Exchange volumes were received from kindred societies and copies added to stock.

David Stoker
Honorary Librarian

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

RECEIPTS (£)		PAYMENTS (£)	
Subscriptions—private	4,936	Printing of Publications	10,492
Subscriptions—institutions	3,485	Hon. Secretary	32
Interest—Income bonds	491	Hon. Treasurer	0
Interest—CAF account	1,942	Membership Sec.	80
Donations	2,925	Hon. Editors	34
Gift Aid	1,295	Hon. Publication Sec.	9
Sales— <i>Transactions</i>	714	Stationery	32
Sales—Offprints	84	Newsletter	953
Sales— <i>Slave trade</i>	138	Lecture & fairs	609
Sales—other	0	Subscriptions to Societies	144
Miscellaneous	184	Library	479
		Bank charges	41
		Refunds	32
		Publishing & research grants	500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	16,195	TOTAL PAYMENTS	13,437
Net Receipts/(Payments)	2,757		
Cash funds last year end	68,820		
Cash funds this year end	71,578		

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

ASSETS			
Cash funds	National Westminster account		7,804
	Charities Aid Foundation account		63,774
Total cash funds			71,578
Other monetary assets:	National Savings income bonds		15,000
	Assets retained for the		
Charity's own use	Book stock		5,000
TOTAL ASSETS			91,578
LIABILITIES	Printing vol. 152; website		10,000